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TALKING POINTS FOR WHITE HOUSE MEETING ON CONGRESSIONAL  
BRIEFINGS - MARCH 13, 1975  
(See Agenda Items attached)

1. U.S. Congressional Briefings

a. Briefings of leadership of both Houses.

(1) Senate -

- (a) Views of Jackson of paramount importance.
- (b) Ambassador Williams seeing him at 4:00 P.M. today along with Bennett Johnston and will seek his views and advice.
- (c) What guidance from White House?
  - What about Vice President (?)
  - Mansfield (?) President Pro Tem James O. Eastland (?)
  - Scott (?)
  - others

(2) House -

- (a) Meeting Monday with Burton did not discuss House leadership contacts per se, but Burton as King Caucus most important on majority side and showed certain skittishness.
- (b) What guidance from White House on
  - Speaker
  - Minority Leaders?

b. Briefings of Interior Committees

(1) Senate

- (a) Will seek Jackson advice (Joint briefing out per Burton)
- (b) Briefing vs. hearings.
- (c) Guidance from White House? Interior?



(2) House -

- (a) Arranged with Burton as briefing some time after April 7.
- (b) MPSC participation (?)
- (c) Other U.S. agency participation

c. Briefing of other Committees

(1) Full committees vs. Chairmen vs. individual members (some of whom may also be members of Interior Committees)

- (a) Jackson views to be ascertained.
- (b) Burton views below
- (c) White House guidance?
- (d) State, DOD, Interior guidance?

(2) Other Committees Senate

(a) Armed Services

- Stennis most important.
- Hart problem
- Jackson also member

(b) Foreign Relations

- Sparkman probably O.K.
- Church on both Interior and Foreign Relations
- Mansfield, Scott - see above

(c) Appropriations

- Byrd (?)
- McClellan (?)
- Minority (?)

- What about Defense subcommittee?
- Advice from White House? Interior? DOD?

(d) Judiciary

- Chairman (?)
- Byrd (see above)
- Fong (see below)
- Minority (?)

(e) Other Committees - none

(2) Other Committees - House

(a) Armed Services

- Burton says "no" on price
- Won Pat on both Armed Services and Interior
- What about minority?
- Views of White House (?) DOD (?)

(b) Foreign Affairs

- Burton says fine on Morgan
- What about others like Bingham, no longer on Interior subcommittee
- Advice from White House? State?

(c) Appropriations

- Burton says O.K. on Yates
- What about Chairman?
- ditto minority?
- What of defense sub-committee?
- Advice from White House? Interior? DOD?

(d) Judiciary

- Burton says no on Rodino (trouble with INA)
- Other members?
- Advice from White House? State?

(e) Other Committees - None

d. Key Individuals in Both Houses

(1) Hawaiian delegates

(2) Others:

(a) Other territories if not included in Interior briefing

(b) Any others like Hart?

- Mavericks?

- Foley?

(3) Items for Congressional record

(a) Documents

(b) Statement of approval

- Land

- Strategy

- Money

2. Coordination of Congressional Contacts

a. Role of the White House

(1) With minority leadership

(2) Other members - see above

(3) Tactics

- b. Role of Ambassador Williams and OMSN
  - (1) Presidential instructions (attached)
  - (2) Coordination of other agency efforts
    - (a) Persons to be involved - substance
    - (b) Role of Congressional Liaison Offices
  - (3) Briefing material
    - Congressional Handbook
    - Media reactions
    - Press materials
- c. Limitations on Ambassador Williams (see above).

3&4. Formal submission to U.S. Congress and Hearings on the Marianas

- a. Joint hearings and reports
  - (1) Joint vs. separate
  - (2) Congressional preference in wake of briefings and plebiscite
- b. Timing
  - (1) After plebiscite
  - (2) July/August (?)
- c. Peripheral issues
  - (1) Status of JCFS talks - by ear
  - (2) Fragmentation of Micronesia
    - (a) Present policy
    - (b) Possible intervening developments
      - Marshalls
      - Palau (super port)

- (3) U.N. Trusteeship Council
  - (a) Congressional views on U.N. importance
  - (b) U.S. policy re observers
- (4) U.S. policy re termination of trusteeship
  - (a) timing
  - (b) U.N. role
    - Trusteeship Council
    - Security Council

- d. Nature of formal Congressional action
  - (1) Joint resolution
  - (2) Federal Relations Act
  - (3) Other types of enabling legislation

5. Other Issues

- a. Unity - (see above)
- b. ~~Termination (see above)~~
- c. ~~Kwajalein option~~
  - ~~(1) In Marianas ballot~~
  - (2) As JCFS issue
- d. Eniwetok, Bikini, Roi Namur
  - (1) DOD report
  - (2) Relation to JCFS talks
- e. JCFS direct negotiations with Congress
  - (1) Rasa and Mafnas
  - (2) Salii and Silk et al
    - Olter and Setik
    - Paul Warnke